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# THE CLASSIC REPLY TO INFIDELITY

## *Analysis of Ingersoll's Attack on the Christian Religion in the North American Review, Nov. 1881*

### A SKETCH OF THE AUTHOR OF THE FAMOUS "NOTES ON INGERSOLL."

Rev. Father L. A. Lambert was born in Allenport, Washington County, Pennsylvania, February 11th, 1835. His father came to America in 1811, from Inniscorthy, Wexford County, Ireland.

In 1854 Louis A. Lambert then 19 years of age, began his classical studies at St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland County, Pa., and finished his ecclesiastical studies in the Archdiocesan Seminary of St. Louis, at Carondelet, Missouri. In 1859 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Alton, Illinois. Immediately thereafter he was appointed assistant pastor of Cairo, Ill.

While in the faithful discharge of his duties, the war of the rebellion broke out, and a commission was issued to Father Lambert from the authorities at headquarters in Springfield, Ill., appointing him to the rank of Captain of Cavalry from July 1st, 1861. He remained with the regiment through their campaigns in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, sharing the perils and hardships of soldier life with other members of the regiment. After about two year's service in the army, he was appointed pastor of Cairo, Ill., where he remained until 1868. On leaving Cairo, he taught Moral Theology and Philosophy at the Paulist Novitiate, in Fifty-Ninth street, New York City. From there he went to Seneca Falls, where he remained but a short time, when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo.

In 1877 he founded the *Catholic Times* at Waterloo, N. Y. The paper at once took rank as a leader amongst Catholic journals, was edited with marked ability, and, in a very short time, secured a large circulation in Central, Southern, and Western New York. Early in 1880, finding the work growing on him, the Catholic Times Publishing Company, of Rochester, was organized, and the paper removed to that city, Father Lambert relinquishing the editorial chair to Mr. Francis O'Connor. In the fall of '81 the *Times* was consolidated with the *Union* of Buffalo, Father Lambert always retaining a friendly interest in his journalistic offspring. Later he became editor of the *Freeman's Journal* of New York City, which suspended publication a few years ago.

Among his literary works is a very valuable book entitled *Thesaurus Biblicus*, or Hand-book of Scripture Reference, which is a mountain of scholarly research and patient toil. Another work deals with *Christian Science*. But the learned priest has immortalized himself especially by his *"Notes on Ingersoll."*

The "Notes on Ingersoll," are, unquestionably, the most crushing reply ever made to that notorious little fraud—Ingersoll—who so loved to pose as a profoundly original thinker; and who lived, moved, and had his being, in the laughter and applause which his fescennine buffoonery provoked.

With cold, relentless cruelty, Father Lambert pursues Ingersoll, step by step, piercing him with keen Damascus blade at every turn;—aye, dissecting him to the very marrow of his bones—and then holds him up, like another unmasked Mokanna, to the scorn of mankind.

Herein, too, is shown that this profoundly original thinker is the veriest of plagiarists, palming off, as his own, the worn-out objections of the infidels of other days, which have been answered hundreds of times.

Inasmuch as our space will not permit the publication of the whole of the "Notes" in this issue, we have selected the most meaty extracts. Although Ingersoll is dead, his influence is still felt, to the destruction of souls. It is befitting that the rising generation should become acquainted with the work of the master logician who, yesterday, met the infidel at every turn and completely routed him.

### INTRODUCTORY

THE proper way to meet Mr. Ingersoll is, not to defend Christianity against his scattering, inconsequent, illogical and unphilosophical attacks, but to make his article the subject to be considered; to analyze, with careful scrutiny, every statement he makes, every argument he adduces, every inference he draws; to grant nothing, and take nothing for granted. The Christian is not bound, at the call of Mr. Ingersoll or any one else, to reprint the proofs of Christianity that are to be found in the writings of the great Christian philosophers and theologians. These proofs are on record, and Mr. Ingersoll's ancestors in atheism and unbelief, from Anaximander, Epicurus, and Lucretius, down to d'Holdach, Laland, Cabanis, Hobbes, and Paine, have never answered them.

### MR. INGERSOLL'S "IDEA," AND WHAT COMES OF IT.

Ingersoll—"The universe, according to my idea, always was, and forever will be. * * It is the one eternal being—the only thing that ever did, does, or can exist."

Comment—When you say "according to my idea," you leave the inference that this theory of an eternal universe never occurred to the mind of man until your brain acquired its full development. Your philosophy, like certain plays, wants the freshness and flavor of originality, and suffers from bad translation. The old originals, from whom you copy, thought it incumbent on them to give a reason, or, at least, show of reason, "for their idea." In this enlightened age you do not deem this necessary. It is sufficient for you to formulate your "idea". To attempt to prove it would be beneath you. You affirm the eternity of matter. On this I reason thus:

That which is eternal is infinite. It must be infinite, because, if eternal, it can have nothing to limit it.

But that which is infinite must be infinite in every way. If limited in any way, it would not be infinite. Now, matter is limited. It is composed of parts, and composition is limitation. It is subject to change, and change involves limitation. Change supposes succession, and there can be no succession without beginning, and, therefore, limitation. Thus far we are borne out by reason, experience, and common sense.

Then—

Matter is limited, and, therefore, finite; and if finite in anything, finite in everything; and if finite in everything, therefore finite in time, and, therefore, not eternal.

Ingersoll—"As a matter of fact, law is this side of the phenomenon."

Comment—That depends on what you mean by law. If by the word you mean that force which actuates the phenomenon, your statement is not correct, and your play on the word "law" is beneath the dignity of a philosopher.

Ingersoll—"Law does not cause the phenomenon, but the phenomenon causes the idea of law in our minds."

Comment—If, by law, you mean the force I have spoken of, it does cause the phenomenon. If you mean, by law, a mere verbal formula, or statement of what a given force will do, under given circumstances, you are trifling with the intelligence of your readers. Phenomena may enable us to acquire the knowledge of a law, as we have already seen, they cannot cause or originate the idea of law in our minds.

Ingersoll—"This idea (of law) is produced from (by?) the fact that, under like circumstances, the same (a like?) phenomenon always happens."

Comment—A series of like phenomena suggests the existence of force, not the idea of law; and when the phenomena always happen under like circumstances, we are led to conclude that it is the same force that is acting in each case. Further observation of this force's manifestation—and all phenomena are the manifestation of force—enables us to distinguish it from other forces, to identify it by its invariable act, and to associate it with its effect. Having arrived at this degree of familiarity with a force and its act, we formulate in words what it will do under given circumstances. These formulas are called laws of nature. The laws of nature, then, as commonly understood, are **the uniform action of natural forces expressed in words.** When physicists speak of the laws of nature, they refer to the forces of which the laws are but the verbal expression. In all you say on this subject you confound law with force; whether this is done intentionally, or through ignorance, I need not stop to consider.

### INGERSOLL'S "METAPHYSICS"

Ingersoll—"To put a God back of the universe, compels us to admit that there was a time when nothing existed except this God."

Comment—It compels us to admit nothing of the kind. The eternal God can place an eternal act. His creative act could, therefore, be co-eternal with his being. The end of the act, that is, creation, could be co-existent with the eternal act, and therefore eternal. To deny this is to affirm that there could be a moment, when the eternal and omnipotent God could not act, which is contrary to Christian teaching.

Ingersoll—"That this God lived from eternity in infinite vacuum and absolute idleness."

Comment—If God lived in it, it could not have been vacuum.

Ingersoll—"And in absolute idleness."

Comment—Christian philosophy teaches us that God is pure act, the source of origin of all activity and life. To say that such a being can, under any circumstances, be in absolute idleness, or non-action, is simply an expression of human ignorance.

Ingersoll—"The mind of every thoughtful man is forced to one of two conclusions: Either that the universe is self-existent, or that it was created by a self-existent being. To my mind there is far more difficulty in the second hypothesis than in the first."

Comment—It is to be regretted that you did not take the time and space to show the difference in the weight of those difficulties—to show how the existence of an eternal self-existent Creator presents more difficulties to the mind than does the existence of eternal matter. The existence of an eternal Creator is not contrary to reason. While the existence of eternal matter, as we have seen, involves the co-existence of mutually destructive attributes in the same subject at the same time, and is, therefore, contradictory to reason.

There have been many men of thoughtful minds who did not see that they were forced to adopt either of your two conclusions. The pantheists of ancient and modern times, of India and Europe, hold that the universe was neither eternal nor created, but that it was an **emanation** from God, having no real existence of its own—a mere transient mode of God's being.

All these are pantheists, some holding **emanation**, others divine evolution, or **Das Werden**, as Spinosa called it, and others still, idealism. Now, none of these are included in either of your two necessary conclusions. You will see that thoughtful men have pondered long on this subject before you directed your attention to it, and that they did not come to the conclusion you did.

**Ingersoll**—"Of course, upon questions like this, nothing can be absolutely known."

**Comment**—To know anything absolutely is to know it in all its relations with the universe and with God, with the necessary and the contingent. The infinite intelligence alone can know things in this way, and, therefore, on "questions like these," or any other questions, we cannot have absolute knowledge, because our minds are finite.

**Ingersoll**—"What we know of the infinite is almost infinitely limited, but little as we know, all have an equal right to give their honest thought."

**Comment**—Has any man the right, common sense being the judge, to talk about that of which his knowledge is almost infinitely limited? All may have an **equal** right to give their honest thought, but none have the right to give their honest thought on all subjects and under all circumstances. Common sense and decency forbid it. The honesty of a thought does not give weight or importance or truth to it. If so, lunatics would be the best of reasoners, for none are more honest in their thoughts than they.

I take it, then, in claiming the right to give your honest thought, you claim the right to promulgate that thought, and to put it in practice in the affairs of life. Now, in view of this claim of yours, I ask, by what right do you interfere with the slave-holder's honest thought, or the Mormon's honest thought? Your plea for the right of expressing honest thought is a miserable pretense, or else by it you mean that those only who agree with you have the right of expressing it in word or action.

### INGERSOLL ON "THE DESIGN OF THE UNIVERSE."

**Ingersoll**—"It will not do to say that the universe was designed, and, therefore, there must be a designer."

**Comment**—Why not, if all have a right to give their honest thought?

**Ingersoll**—"There must be proof that it was designed."

**Comment**—Certainly, and that proof is to be found in every work on theology and philosophy that treats of the subject. As a lawyer, you know that proofs are not to be thrown out of court by a mere stroke of the pen. It was incumbent on you to examine those proofs and show that they are not conclusive, or accept them. Instead of this you very cunningly leave the inference that no such proofs exist.

The proofs given by theologians and Christian philosophers that evidences of plan and design exist in this physical universe have never been met by you.

**Ingersoll**—"It will not do to say that the universe has a plan, and then assert that there must have been an infinite maker."

**Comment**—Of course it will not do to merely say it without any proofs to back the statement, as you say so many things, and, therefore, Christian scholars invariably supply those proofs. The proofs being good until refuted, it does and must follow that there is an infinite planner, designer, Creator.

**Ingersoll**—"We find a watch, and we say: So curious and wonderful a thing must have had a maker."

**Comment**—The Christian does not assert that it had a **maker** because it is curious and wonderful, but because it shows evidence of having been **made.** The curiousness and wonderfulness of the watch suggests the idea of an **intelligent** maker. A muddle will suggests the idea of a maker equally as well as a gold chronometer.

**Ingersoll**—"We find the watchmaker and we say: So curious and wonderful a thing as man must have had a maker."

**Comment**—Yes, but not because he is curious and wonderful, but because he is, and is finite. Verily, it would be unfortunate for Christianity if you were permitted to present its case.

**Ingersoll**—"We find God, and we then say: He is so wonderful that he must not have had a maker."

**Comment**—You say this, but "we" don't. When we find God, we find the self-existent Being, infinite and eternal, and therefore we say, he must **not** have had a maker.

**Ingersoll**—"In other words, all things a little wonderful must have been created."

**Comment**—You use that word "wonderful" as a boy uses a toy drum, to the disgust of all who hear it. All things have been created, not because they are curious and wonderful, but because they exist and are finite.

### ON THE JUSTICE OF GOD—SOME SPECIMENS OF THE COLONEL'S "HONEST" METHODS

**Ingersoll**—"The justice of God is not visible to me in the history of this world."

**Comment**—Might not this strange circumstance arise from intellectual Staphyloma? Grant that it is not visible to you, does it follow that it is not in this world? Does your failure to see it demonstrate that it is not? It is in the last analysis a question of God's existence, for if there is an infinite self-existent Being, he must, from his very nature, be infinite in everything, and if in everything, infinite in his justice. To assert that he is not infinitely just is to deny his existence.

**Ingersoll**—"Most Christians have seen and recognized this difficulty (that of reconciling the miseries of this life with the justice of God), and have endeavored to avoid it by giving God an opportunity in another world to rectify the seeming mistake of this."

**Comment**—When the position of "most Christians" is properly and truthfully stated there is no difficulty to see or avoid. The other world exists without reference to man's innocence or guilt, happiness or misery in this. Your insinuation that Christians invented the future state shows either discreditable ignorance of the history of human thought, or a desire to misrepresent.

**Ingersoll**—"Mr. Black, however, avoids the question by saying: We have neither jurisdiction nor capacity to rejudge the justice of God."

**Comment**—To state a truth is not to avoid the question. You, however, avoid the question by not admitting Black's proposition, or disproving it. It is the hinge on which the argument turns, and you should not have avoided it. If Mr. Black's statement is true then you are wrong in attempting to judge of God's justice. If his statement is false, then you are right in so judging.

**Ingersoll**—"In other words, we have no right to think upon this subject—"

**Comment**—This is neatly done. But it will not succeed. Mr. Black did not say we have no right to **think.** He said we have no right to **judge,** and it seems to me that any adult, whose intellect is not below the average, will see a difference between **thinking** and **judging.**

**Ingersoll**—"—no right to examine the questions affecting human kind."

**Comment**—Here you are again. This is the pettiest kind of verbal thimble-rigging. Mr. Black did not say we have no right to **examine** these questions. He said we have no right to **rejudge** the justice of God.

**Ingersoll**—"We have simply to accept the ignorant statements of the barbarian dead."

**Comment**—We accept neither the ignorant statements of the barbarian dead, nor the ignorant statements of the atheistic living. We are averse to accepting ignorant statements from any man, be he an ancient barbarian or modern pagan. The question between you and Mr. Black, as to whether the finite can be the measure of the infinite, is one that cannot be settled by the statements of anyone, ignorant or otherwise.

**Ingersoll**—"This question cannot be settled by saying that it would be a mere waste of time and space to enumerate the proofs which show that the universe was created by a pre-existent and self-conscious being. The time and space should have been wasted, and the proofs should have been enumerated. These proofs are what the wisest and greatest are trying to find."

**Comment**—It is true, nevertheless, that it would be a waste of time and space to reproduce these proofs that have never been answered. It would appear that you are ignorant of those proofs, but your ignorance of them does not justify Mr. Black in exhausting the limited space given him to reply to you, in reprinting what you and every man who makes any pretensions to a knowledge of philosophy and theology are supposed to know. You do yourself honor overmuch, in supposing that the wisest and greatest are in the same boat with you. Is it your misfortune or theirs that the best thinkers, in ancient and modern times, cannot see things in the light you see them?

I shall produce the argument of a philosopher for the existence of God. I do not deem it necessary or logically called for, just here, to do this; but as it may prove instructive to you I give it. It runs in this way:

I allow you to decide all things if you wish, till you come to the point where doubt denies itself. Doubt is an act of intelligence; only an intelligent agent can doubt. It as much demands intellect to doubt as it does to believe,—to deny as it does to affirm. Universal doubt is, therefore, an impossibility, for doubt cannot, if it would, doubt the intelligence that doubts, since to doubt that would be to doubt itself. You cannot doubt that you doubt, and then, if you doubt, you know that you doubt, and there is one thing, at least, you do not doubt, namely, that you doubt. To doubt the intelligence that doubts, would be to doubt that you doubt, for, without intelligence, there can be no more doubt than belief. Intelligence, then, you must assert, for without intelligence you cannot even deny intelligence, and the denial of intelligence by intelligence contradicts itself, and affirms intelligence in the very act of denying it. Doubt, then, as much as you will, you must still affirm intelligence as the condition of doubting, or of asserting the possibility of doubt, for what is not, cannot act.

Intelligence is inconceivable without the intelligible, or some object capable of being known. So, in conceding intelligence, you necessarily concede the intelligible. The intelligible is, therefore, something which is, is being, real being too, not merely abstract or possible being, for without the real there is and can be no possible or abstract. The abstract, in that it is abstract, is nothing, and therefore unintelligible, that is to say, no object of knowledge or of the intellect. The possible, as possible, is nothing but the power or ability of the real, and is apprehensible only in that power or ability. The real being thus asserted is either necessary and eternal being, being in itself, subsisting by and from itself, or it is contingent and therefore created being. One or the other we must say, for being which is neither necessary nor contingent, or which is both at once, is inconceivable, and cannot be asserted or supposed.

Whatever is, in any sense, is either necessary and eternal, or contingent and created—is either being in itself, absolute being, or existence dependent on another for its being, and therefore is not without the necessary and eternal, on which it depends. If you say it is necessary and eternal being, you say it is God; if you say it is contingent being, you still assert the necessary and eternal, therefore God, because the contingent is neither possible nor intelligible without the necessary and eternal.

**Ingersoll**—"In the world of science a fact is a legal tender."

**Comment**—Then, before you can assert a legal tender, you must demonstrate a fact. A fact must be established as such, before it is legal tender. Now the question between you and the Christian is this: What are the facts?

**Ingersoll**—"A fact is a legal tender."

**Comment**—A counterfeit is a fact; is it legal tender? O! no. Well then a fact is not a legal tender until it is known to be a fact.

**Ingersoll**—"Assertions and miracles are base and spurious coins."

**Comment**—If this be true, then the assertion you have just made is base and spurious coin. You say all assertions are base and spurious. Is it because they are assertions, or because they are false? If all assertions are base and spurious, we cannot believe anything whatever that is asserted, simply because it is asserted. I assert that two and two make four. This is an assertion. Is it false?

Perhaps you meant to say false assertions are base and spurious.

**Ingersoll**—"Miracles are base and spurious coins."

**Comment**—That depends. And here I must make the same distinction I made in regard to assertions. If a miracle is a fact, it is not base and spurious. Now the fact or fallacy of a miracle is the point in debate.

**Ingersoll**—"We have the right to rejudge the justice even of a god."

**Comment**—If by "a god" you mean some deity of heathen mythology, I cannot stop to consider it. If you mean the infinite Being, whom Christians call God, I deny your right or competency to rejudge His justice, for reasons which I have already given, and which I need not here repeat. It is sufficient to say that the finite cannot be the measure of the infinite.

### ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

**Ingersoll**—"Of course it is admitted that most of the Ten Commandments are wise and just."

**Comment**—Most? Why this indefinite limitation? Is it candid to make a limitation so indefinite as to leave you room to dodge? Why not specify which, if any, are not wise and just?

**Ingersoll**—"In passing, it may be well enough to say that the commandment, 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth,' (Only a Catholic controversialist could meet the infidel on this ground) was the absolute death of art, and that not until the destruction of Jerusalem was there a Hebrew painter or sculptor."

**Comment**—There are two assertions here. First, that the Commandment quoted was the absolute death of art, and second, that before the destruction of Jerusalem there was no Hebrew painter or sculptor. The first involves a question of interpretation, the second, a question of history.

Now, I deny both these assertions, and hold that they have no foundation in fact. Here is a direct issue.

As to the Commandment, it could not have been the absolute death of art unless it forbade art. But it did not forbid or condemn art, therefore it was not the death of art. Was it candid or honorable in you to suppress that part of the Commandment which explains and makes clear the meaning of that which you quoted? The sentence you so uncandidly suppressed in this: "Thou shalt not **adore** them (i. e. images) nor serve them." This clause, suppressed by you, explains the meaning of what goes before, showing that it was not the making of images, but the **making gods** of them, that was forbidden. That this is the meaning of the Commandment is evident from the fact that the same God who spoke in the First Commandment subsequently ordered images to be made. Moses explains the meaning still further when he says (Exodus, 20-23): "You shall not make gods of silver, nor shall you make gods **of gold.**" Again, the great Hebrew lawgiver was commanded to place two cherubim on the very ark in which the Commandments were kept. He was also commanded to make the brazen serpent (Numbers 21-6 to 8). In the description of Solomon's temple we read of that prince, not only that he made, in the oracle, two cherubim of olive-tree, of ten cubits high (I Kings 6-23), but that "all the walls of the temple round about he **carved** with divers figures and carvings." (I Kings 6-29 and following verses. This whole chapter abounds with descriptions of works of art).

But this Commandment, you say, was the death—and not only the death, but the **absolute** death of art. What infatuation has taken possession of you to say this in the face of that magnificent temple of Jerusalem and all the works of art it contained? Was not the temple itself a work of art? And those images, were they not works of art?

**Ingersoll**—"Not until the destruction of Jerusalem was there a Hebrew sculptor or painter."

**Comment**—Well then who "sculped" the cherubim and other ornamentations for the temple of Jerusalem? Who made the cherubim to ornament the ark of the covenant?

**Ingersoll**—"Surely a commandment is not inspired that drives from earth the living canvas and the breathing stone—leaves all walls bare, and all the niches desolate."

**Comment**—Surely the inventor of this curious criterion of inspiration deserves recognition of some kind. But this lachrymose ejaculation is entirely uncalled for, since the Commandment, when not garbled by you, does not forbid the living canvas or the breathing stone, the frescoed wall or ornamented niche.

**Ingersoll**—"In the Tenth Commandment we find women placed on an exact equality with other property, which, to say the least of it, has never tended to the amelioration of her condition."

**Comment**—The relative nature of persons and things protected by law is not measured by the law that protects them. The civil law forbids alike the stealing of fifty cents and one hundred dollars. Does the law put these sums on an exact equality? No, for it sends the fifty-cent thief to jail, while it sends the more ambitious fellow to State's prison. In the same way the Jewish criminal code condemned the wife-stealer to death, while he who stole an ox was required to return it and pay a heavy fine. From the difference of punishment you can see that the Commandment, as understood by those to whom it was given, made a distinction between a wife and an ox, and did not place them on an "exact equality."

### RELIGIOUS TOLERATION, FREE THOUGHT, AND TREASON.

**Ingersoll**—"The religious intolerance of the Old Testament is justified upon the ground that 'blasphemy was a breach of political allegiance,' and that idolatry was an act of overt treason, and that 'to worship the gods of the hostile heathen was deserting to the public enemy, and giving him aid and comfort.'"

**Comment**—If these positions of Mr. Black are well taken it is difficult to see how you can escape their logical consequence. For you must admit that overt treason, breach of political allegiance, and

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# Children's School and Playground

## Today's Church History Lesson.

**Sunday School classes will find most of the answers to the questions here by studying the instruction.**

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

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Iconoclasm and the Greek Schism were causes of great disturbance among the Christians of the East. The Iconoclasts, or image breakers, had as their sponsor the Greek Emperor Leo III (A. D. 726). Just as Protestants did in later times this Greek faction prohibited the use and veneration of statues, pictures or the images of Our Savior, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, and destroyed them wherever they could. This was a fanatical movement against the true teaching of the Church that images of holy persons serve to remind the faithful of the virtues of those represented and to inspire the imitation of these virtues and also to encourage prayer to the great servants of God in Heaven that they may intercede for the Church and its members. The "graven images" forbidden in the first Commandment were always interpreted by the true faith as meaning images representing false gods which were worshipped in place of the one True God. The Fathers, like St. John of Damascus, who defended the Catholic practice, gave the same reasons for the use of statues and pictures in religious devotions as are given by Catholic theologians today.

The Iconoclasts went so far as to attempt to destroy a statue of Our Savior which Constantine the Great had erected in the vestibule of the imperial palace. Such fanaticism naturally aroused the indignation of pious people and serious conflicts resulted. The Emperor, in the effort to vindicate his un-Christian policy, put to death or sent into exile many good people including priests and bishops. The Patriarch, St. Germanus, was among the victims of this persecution.

When the civil power fell into the hands of the Empress Irene peace was restored and protection given to the churches and their images. In the ecumenical council of Nice (787) three hundred and fifty bishops, presided over by legates from the Pope, declared that it was a lawful and pious practice to honor the representations of Our Lord and His Saints and to place them in churches and other public places. This decision was also approved by the ecumenical council at Constantinople in 869.

The Greek Schism, or separation of the Greek Church from unity with the Catholic or Universal Church, was begun by one Photius. He was a politician in the service of the Emperor of Constantinople and was a man of great ability, wealth and selfish ambition. He conceived the idea of obtaining for himself the high dignity of Patriarch of Constantinople. At the time, St. Ignatius, a saintly and learned prelate, was the Patriarch. By virtue of his office as bishop he had condemned the conduct of the Emperor and on one occasion had refused him Holy Communion.

Photius profited by the disinterested zeal of Ignatius and succeeded in inducing the Emperor to send him into exile. Photius immediately declared himself a cleric and obtained consecration as Bishop and became Patriarch in the year 858. Knowing however that it was necessary to have his appointment confirmed by the Pope, he sent to Rome an untruthful report of the whole affair. The action of Pope Nicholas I was to confirm the rights of the exile, to declare Photius an intruder, and he was about to condemn him as a schismatic.

Pope Nicholas died just at this time and his successor, Hadrian II, put into effect the sentence of condemnation. To give proper publicity to this action and to condemn other errors in the Eastern Church, the Pope called the eighth general council at Constantinople in 870. Photius was excommunicated and exiled. After the death of Ignatius, who had been restored to his see, the impostor again prevailed upon the Emperor to appoint him Patriarch and he gave himself the title of Universal Patriarch of the East. He died shortly after but the bad seed had been sown and its evil fruits of division and dissension, of ambition on the part of emperors as well as ecclesiastics, eventually prevailed. Under Michael Cerularius the Greek Church was declared separate and independent of the Roman. This schism has continued to the present day, involving not only the Greeks but several other peoples in the East and near-East. At the same time the one Universal Church carries on its mission of religion in all these countries, and, while in the minority, the united or Catholic Orientals, give evidence in their lives and works of a purer and more enlightened Christian faith.

**Who were the Iconoclasts?**

**What great Father of the Church preached against them?**

**What empress protected the Church against them?**

**What was the Greek Schism?**

**Name two of its promoters.**

**What is the present condition in the Greek and other Oriental countries as regards to religion?**

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK.

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19 St. Canute.
20 Ss. Fabian and Sebastian.
21 St. Agnes.
22 St. Vincent.
23 St. Raymond.
24 St. Timothy.

We are never so ridiculous as when we seek to be wise.

The man who has no time for God spends most of it with the devil.

Jesus fought the devil. You seek an example? Do likewise.

You find that which you seek, if what you seek is worth looking for!


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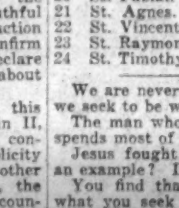
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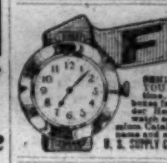
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## Tells Why He Embraced the Catholic Church

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tion before the end of the 16th century, should ever have adopted them. Catholic communities have since that time become infidel and become Catholic again: but none has become Protestant." How is it at home? Protestants have poured money into Ireland: they did not scruple to avail themselves, to their everlasting disgrace, of the sufferings of the great famine in order to buy over with their funds the souls and bodies of the destitute Irish. "God has opened a great door to us in Ireland"—such was the blasphemous announcement which prefaced one of the appeals for those liberal funds without which no Protestant missionary enterprise, at home or abroad, can be carried on. I respect the conscientious, God-fearing Protestants who, under the influence of strong delusion, feel it their duty to oppose the Church. I remember the case of Saul, afterwards called Paul, and how he persecuted the Church of God; and I do not despair of their conversion. I have only sympathy for those who are misled by prejudice and bigoted teachers. Every convert can say, with the man in the Gospel, "Whereas I was blind now I see"; and I am not sure that those who have had the happiness of being born Catholic always make sufficient allowance for the imperfect vision of those without the fold. But what shall be said in defence of those who are not ashamed to write and to publish calumnies, as foul as they are false, against priests and nuns, and the Sacraments of the Church—those "lewd fellows of the baser sort" who under the guise of religion, do not scruple to pander to the lowest and worst of passions by the circulation of filthy fictions of which "Maria Monk" is by no means the worst.

These and the highly spiced lectures "to men" or "to women only"—appeal to a certain class of persons. The cause must indeed be a bad and a hopeless one which can stoop to avail itself of weapons such as these. But I will not refer further to a hateful kind of warfare with which very few will sympathize. I will rather briefly apply to two among the many schools of thought in the establishment of the remarks which I have made.

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## A Serious Inquiry About the One True Church

and propagation of Christian doctrines and practices. The Greek word, **paradoseis**, used by the Apostle, is rendered literally by the word **traditions**. A deposit of these was made with Timothy, to be, by him, delivered to "faithful men," to be by them, delivered to others. And, nowhere do we find that this way was, at any time, to become inadequate, or to be displaced by another.

We have said thirdly, that this way of securing the transmission of the doctrines of religion, is the best and most secure. For the doctrines of Christ were so interwoven with daily practice and observances, that change was not possible, unless first the authority of tradition was itself despised. As long as Christians believed and practiced as they had learned and received, as long as they taught to their posterity to believe and practice as they did themselves, change and innovation were impossible. They daily reduced their faith to practice; they daily instructed their children to believe and observe as they did themselves. And in every part of the Christian fold, the same things were believed and observed, and the same things taught and delivered, so that novelty was recognized as false, by the very sign, that it was **novel**, and hitherto unheard of, and unobserved. (To be Continued)

## THE SYLLABUS OF ERRORS OF POPE PIUS THE IXth—HOW ENEMIES TWIST THEM.

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In Russia there is a distinct illustration of the policy of European Rationalism in the political realm, and it is what the enemies of Catholicity want in this country, too. Soviet Russia has proclaimed "untrammeled interior freedom of thought." What has this meant exteriorly? Freedom for the Catholic religion along with others? Not so. All churches, including the Catholic, are prohibited from teaching religion to children under eighteen years of age. Here is a clash with Christ's commission to the Church: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The children must "be protected" from religion; it is cruelty to frighten them with the Elisha story from the Bible (Krylenko, Soviet Prosecutor); but they are not protected from irreligion! The schools supported by the Soviet State teach atheism to the children. So, here you have it;—the glorious regimen of "liberty," the "liberty" of French Jacobinism which anti-Catholics would import to our shores, freedom to forcibly impose atheism and infidelity on children, doubt and indifferentism on mankind—and proscription of the Catholic religion. (To be continued)

## They Are Educating to Bigotry

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the voices of our forefathers were lifted up in the wilderness to celebrate the joyful occasion of their landing and peaceful establishment in their desert province. . . . When shall we find in the history of any people an occasion more worthy of commemoration than that of the landing of the Colony of Maryland? It is identified with the origin of a free and happy state. It exhibits to us the foundation of our government laid broad and deep in the principles of civil and religious liberty. It points us with pride to the founders of this state, as men who for the secure enjoyment of their liberties, exchanged the pleasures of affluence, the society of friends and all the endearments of civilized life for the privations and dangers of the wilderness. At a period when religious bigotry and intolerance seemed to be the badges of every Christian sect, and those who had dwelt under their oppressors instead of learning toleration by their experience, had but imbibed the spirit of the oppressors, and when the howlings of religious persecution were heard everywhere around them, the Catholics and the Protestants of Maryland were seen mingling in harmony in the discharge of all their public and private duties under a free government which insured the rights of conscience to all" (McMahon's "History of Maryland").

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## A Falsehood is Refuted Here In Every Issue

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Those to whom it applies: "Canon 1099. I. The following are bound to observe the form prescribed above: (a) All persons baptized in the Catholic Church, as well as those converted from heresy or schism, even though they (whether Catholics or converts) have afterwards fallen away, as often as they contract marriage among themselves; (b) Catholics as well as converts who marry non-Catholics, either baptized or non-baptized, even after having obtained a dispensation from the impediment of mixed marriage or disparity of cult; (c) Orientals who marry persons of the Latin Rite who are bound by that form."

Those to whom it **does not** apply: "Canon 1099. II. Saving the rule in I, a, of this canon, non-Catholics, whether baptized or not, who marry among themselves, are nowhere bound to observe the Catholic form of marriage. Neither are those born of non-Catholic parents and baptized in the Catholic Church, but who have grown up from childhood in heresy or schism or infidelity, or without any religion at all, if they marry a non-Catholic party."

The above places this question entirely beyond dispute.

In reply to the objection of some that "Romanists do not recognize civil matrimony," we point to Canon 1016 which reads as follows: "**The** marriage of baptized persons is governed not only by the divine law, but also by canon law, **with due regard to the competency of the civil power** concerning the merely civil effects of matrimony." In his "**Commentary**", the Rev. P. Chas. Augustine, O. S. B., D.D., Professor of Canon Law, says concerning this Canon (p. 29): "The State may frame laws governing the civil effects of matrimony **and prescribe a civil form to be followed by the contracting parties under penalty.**" He quotes Cardinal Gasparri, l. c., n. 288.

Again: "Canon 1015. III. Matrimony validly contracted between unbaptized persons **is legitimate.**"

We would point out to you that the contracting parties, bridegroom and bride, are the ministers of the sacrament of matrimony and **not the priest.** The priest is merely a witness to the contract, standing on behalf of the Church and State. Augustine (quoted above), on Canon 1012, says: "**It follows** that the priest is not the minister of the sacrament, but merely an authorized witness," page 13. Again: "The Church, while preserving the matter and form of the sacraments, is empowered to add new conditions of validity if the public welfare or other grave reasons advise such a course," page 14. He quotes St. Thomas Aquinas, **Quaestiones Quodlibetales**, V, q. 8, art. 15, ad 1; Pope Benedict XIV, "**Paucis abhinc**," March 19, 1758.

We have no apologies to make for the Church's stand in binding **her own members** to appear before a Catholic priest, to celebrate matrimony. While acknowledging that the essence of the sacrament is in the contract, yet the Church has the right to impose additional regulations of validity upon Her own members to prevent clandestinity. The State has the same motive in requiring an appearance before a civil magistrate. In the State of South Carolina this is not necessary; for the common-law marriage, and nothing in addition thereto, is fully valid. Under the civil law of South Carolina, all that is necessary is for husband and wife to live together. Does a citizen of South Carolina get angry because, say, the state of Indiana requires more than the common-law marriage?

The fact is that all Christian people are more strict in their requirements on all moral questions than is the civil law. If they were not, the churches would be of no service in making good citizens. Many things are allowed by the civil law which no Christian can allow. The marriage laws of the Catholic Church have to do only with the standing of Catholics in the Catholic Church, and, therefore, Protestants are not concerned save when they wish to marry Catholics. Two of your "quotations", even as they stand, self-evidently apply to Catholics alone. We know of no work such as "Curry's Catholic Theology." Where is it published? The ravings of "Priest Minnehan", assuming such a person to have existed, are deserving of mere contempt. Should it turn out that such a person actually uttered these untrue and uncharitable sentiments, we can point you to hundreds of utterances, from Protestant clergymen, far more bitter and violent, which come to us in every week's mail. The source of these quotations in characters such as Beach makes them very suspicious-looking. Kindly send us the name and address of "the devout Catholic" who recently said to your wife: "You and Mr.——— are not married and your children are illegitimate."

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT R. HULL
Associate Editor.

## Those Classed as Traitors Yesterday Are Heroes Today

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the forces working in his behalf and the remarkable personality of the man. His immunity from the consequences of his irregular acts until finally brought to justice by Clemenceau have long been the wonder of the world. As Premier he was accused of betraying France to Germany in 1911 in the transfer of a slice of the French Congo. He resigned under the assaults of Clemenceau and Poincaré, but nothing was then done to him, although it was alleged that his private fortune had been measurably increased by his Bourse tips from the Wilhelm-strasse.

On the eve of the World War he strenuously fought against the Three Years' Service bill; in 1914 it was proved at the trial of his wife for the murder of Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro, that he was accessory before the fact. His wife was acquitted and he resigned as Finance Minister—a portfolio he had held with suspicious regularity under several Administrations. The real cause of his wife's visit to the Figaro office was not made known until at the time of his own trial for high treason five years later. It was to secure documents of state which would have proved Caillaux a traitor in 1911, not a bundle of clandestine love letters.

And finally there was his long immunity, dating from the end of his wife's trial until his own arrest in 1918, during which time, in France, in South America, in Italy and in France again, he had preached defeatism and treasonably negotiated with agents of the enemy. All this is a matter of record.

**The Secret of Caillaux's Power.**

**The secret of Caillaux's sustained power is said to repose in the fact that he is under the protection of the most formidable secret society in France, if not in the world—the Grand Orient. It is a fact that ever since his trial he has been lecturing and writing under the auspices of the Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, an organization supposed to give visible expression to the first.** The League of the Rights of Man was founded at the time of the great Revolution and revived at the time of the Dreyfus case twenty-five years ago. It labored hard to secure rehabilitation of the victim of a prodigious error of justice. Five years ago it was again revived—this time for the defense of Caillaux—but under different auspices.

**At the beginning of the World War serious charges were made against the Grand Orient.** It successfully repudiated them. It turned over to the government of the republic its buildings and placed at its service its secret lodges in Germany. By the "intelligence" thus established it was enabled to inform the British Home Office of the coming of German spies to England. This organization is said to hold in the hollow of its hand the Radical Party, to whose leadership Edouard Herriot succeeded Caillaux. If the Grand Orient has taken the latter under its wing, it has probably done so not because it has any sympathy with the man as an individual but because it has faith in his economic and political program and in his ability to carry it through if he should be returned to power.

**Trial of Mme. Caillaux**

At her trial for shooting Calmette, Mme. Caillaux testified that she had merely called on the editor in order to threaten him, and so force him to return the letters exchanged between her husband and herself when they were otherwise mated, and that the revolver had accidentally been discharged. The letters were read in open court and were found to be quite innocuous, although possibly of questionable taste considering the marital position of the writers. Nevertheless, Mme. Caillaux fainted.

Then the great Caillaux arose and served a warning on the court as well as on the Government. He asked to be confronted with Louis Latzarus, one of the editors of Le Figaro, who had previously testified that Calmette had told him he possessed diplomatic documents important enough to crush Caillaux. Thus confronted, Latzarus declined to describe the documents unless ordered to do so by the court as "their divulgence would constitute a grave danger to France." The court declined to issue the order. Caillaux sat down with a satisfied air, and the trial went on.

That was on July 21, 1914—the eve of the World War. At the trial of the husband charged with high treason, six years later, these documents formed "les principaux pieces de conviction."

At Royat, the other day, the remarkable man received the returns of the elections. It was there he demanded complete rehabilitation with the restoration of civil rights, and said that nothing less would suit him. "The Government," he added simply, "must understand the meaning of the shouts of 'Vive Caillaux!' which greeted the announcement of each victory of the Left at the elections of May 11."


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Bible would be a breastwork behind which tyranny and hypocrisy would crouch."

**Comment**—Granted. What then? Because He knew that His revelation would be abused, misrepresented and ridiculed by some, must he therefore refuse it to the world?

**Ingersoll**—God knew "that it would be the defence of robbers called kings, and hypocrites called priests."

**Comment**—He knew that it would be misquoted in defence of tyranny, and that it would be misrepresented by hypocrites called infidels, but that is no reason why He should not give his revelation to man.

**Ingersoll**—"He knew that He had never fulfilled the promises made to them."

**Comment**—He knew that the promises made to the Jews were expressly and distinctly conditional on their obedience to His commands and laws, and that they had disregarded those commands and broken those laws. They disobeyed Him and in consequence fell again into bondage—the sceptre passed from the hands of Israel.

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS—THE APOSTLES

**Ingersoll**—"Mr. Black comes to the conclusion that the Hebrew Bible is in exact harmony with the New Testament."

**Comment**—Mr. Black came to no such conclusion. It is no doubt true that the Old and New Testaments "are so connected together that if one is true the other cannot be false." This is your opponent's statement and it is very different from what you represent him as saying.

**Ingersoll**—"It hardly seems possible to me that there is a right-minded, sane man, except Mr. Black, who believes that a God of infinite kindness and justice ever commanded one nation to exterminate another."

**Comment**—It, no doubt, appears strange and hardly possible to you, after your prodigal use of deceit and sophistry, that any one should believe anything at all. When God commands one nation to exterminate another the Christian believes that there is very serious reason for it.

**Ingersoll**—"It will not do to take the ground that the rapid rise and spread of a religion demonstrates its divine character."

**Comment**—Certainly not, and that is the reason why Mr. Black did not take that ground, although you labor to make your readers believe he did.

Your reply is, that other religions arose and spread with equal rapidity. Granted, for argument's sake. But did they arise under like circumstances, and did they meet and overcome like obstacles? Christianity met and overcame obstacles "which, according to every human calculation, were insurmountable," says Mr. Black. You do not deny this, and you cannot assert it of other religions.

**Ingersoll**—"Imagine a Mohamniedan answering an infidel; would he not use the argument of Mr. Black, simply substituting Mohammed for Christ, just as effectually as it has been used against me?"

**Comment**—No, because a Mohammedan could not use it with truth or force. It would be equally groundless in the mouth of a Brahmin or a priest of Isis and Osiris, for the rise and spread of those false religions have nothing in common with the rise and progress of Christianity, except perhaps rapidity, and this is not given by Mr. Black as a proof of the divine origin of Christianity. You evidently set about answering his argument before you got a good hold of its full force and meaning.

**Ingersoll**—"The old argument that if Christianity is a human fabrication, its authors must have been either good men or bad men, takes it for granted that there are but two classes of persons—the good and the bad. There is at least one other class—**the mistaken.**

**Comment**—Then you must belong to this newly-invented class. The **mistaken** must be either good or bad. If they are honestly mistaken, they are good so far as the subject of the mistake goes; if they are dishonestly mistaken they are bad. Don't you see we must come back to the two classes which "the old argument takes for granted"?

**Ingersoll**—"What we must say is that, being good men, they were mistaken."

**Comment**—Then you know more about events that transpired nearly two thousand years ago than those who were eye-witnesses to them! Whatever else a modern infidel may lack, he is never found wanting in assurance. It is his strong point.

It is true that there have been insane people and fanatical enthusiasts who imagined that they had a mission from God, but this does not prove that the sane men have not had real commissions and missions from God. Your reasoning stated in form is this:

Some men have been mistaken.

Therefore the founders of Christianity were mistaken. A boy who could reason no better than this ought to have his ears boxed—if boxes large enough could be found.

WHO WROTE THE GOSPELS?—CHARACTER OF THE EVANGELISTS—MIRACLES OF CHRIST.

**Ingersoll**—"We are told that 'there is no good reason to doubt that the statements of the Evangelists, as we have them now, are genuine.' The fact is, no one knows who made the 'statements of the Evangelists.'"

**Comment**—The fact is, there can be no reasonable doubt whatever that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote the Gospels attributed to them. Your statement to the contrary has not a particle of evidence to rest on. You have as good reason, and no better, to say that no one knows who wrote Shakespeare, Paradise Lost of Milton, the Divine Comedy of Dante, Caesar, Livy, Tacitus, Josephus or Homer. These Gospels were received in the earliest times as genuine, and were quoted by the earliest Christian writers as the works of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. All the enemies of Christianity, Jew, Pagan, or heretic, who wrote against the Christian religion, admitted without a shadow of hesitation or doubt the genuineness of these Gospels.

**Black**—"Nothing was said by the most virulent enemies against the personal honesty of the Evangelists."

**Ingersoll**—"How is this known?"

**Comment**—It is known from the fact that neither in tradition nor history is there anything directly or indirectly throwing the least suspicion or shadow of doubt on their honesty, integrity, and holiness of life. The Apostles certainly have a right to the same protection that you claim for your own character.

**Ingersoll**—"If Christ performed the miracles recorded in the New Testament, why would the Jews put to death a man able to raise their dead?"

**Comment**—The argument of this question is, that because the Jews put Christ to death, they did not believe in his miracles as recorded in the Gospels. But this conclusion is false. From the time of Christ down to the present, the Jews have always and uniformly believed in the reality of the miracles of Christ. If you do not believe this, consult their Talmuds.

Well, then, you will ask, if they admitted the fact of his miracles, why did they not accept him as the Messiah? While they admitted the miracles, they did not believe that they proved him to be the Messiah. Their prophets had performed miracles under the Mosaic law. They had even raised the dead. The Jews in the time of Christ could not understand how miracles could be worked to abrogate that law. Fixed habits and prejudices, then, caused them to reject the evidence of his miracles while they admitted the fact of them. They attributed them to Beelzebub. Again, they believed that the promised Son of David was to be a great temporal prince, that he was to free the Jewish people and establish a great Jewish empire, restore the Jewish nobility, and raise the Aaronic priesthood to its ancient preeminence and glory. His preaching and humble life gave no encouragement to these hopes, and they refused to believe in him as the promised Messiah, even while they admitted his miracles. And they put him to death, as they had put to death their acknowledged prophets.

**Ingersoll**—"Why should they attempt to kill the master of death?"

**Comment**—To prove that he was not master of death.

**Ingersoll**—"Can we believe, on the testimony of those about whose character we know nothing, that Lazarus was raised from the dead?"

**Comment**—Yes, we can, and must, just as we believe the facts of all history. The principle that destroys the credibility of the Gospel histories destroys at the same time the credibility of all history and the credibility of the human race.

**Ingersoll**—"What became of Lazarus?"

**Comment**—It is probable that he lived an honest life, and did not spend his time in asking foolish questions.

**Ingersoll**—"We never hear of him again."

**Comment**—The world has not ceased to hear of him to good purposes for the last nineteen hundred years.

**Ingersoll**—"It seems to me he would have been an object of great interest."

**Comment**—So it has proved, although he was not the first man who was raised from the dead, as we learn from the Old Testament.

**Ingersoll**—"Did the Jews believe that Christ was clothed with miraculous power?"

**Comment**—They did. And they believed that their prophets were also clothed with miraculous power, even that of raising the dead, and this was the reason why the miracles of Christ did not convince them that he was God or the Messiah.

MR. INGERSOLL AS A HERMENEUTIST—THE ASCENSION—LAST WORDS OF CHRIST.

**Ingersoll**—"Is it not more amazing than all the rest, that Christ himself concealed from Matthew Mark and Luke the dogma of Atonement, the necessity of belief, and the mystery of the second birth?"

**Comment**—First.. Matthew says: "Even as the son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a redemption for many."—xx. 28. Mark makes the same statement word for word.—x. 45. Luke says: "But those things which God had foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled."—Acts iii, 18. In the face of these facts how can you say that Christ concealed this dogma from these Evangelists?

**Second.** The necessity of belief.

On this Mark says: "He that **believeth** not shall be condemned."—xvi. 15. Luke, in his book called **The Acts of the Apostles,** says: "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus; and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—xv. 31. Why did you say Christ concealed the necessity of belief from Mark and Luke?

**Third.** The mystery of the second birth.

Of this Matthew says: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—xxviii. 19. Mark teaches: "He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved."—xvi. 16. It does not appear that this doctrine was **concealed** from these Evangelists.

**Ingersoll**—"There is not, in all the contemporaneous literature of the world, a single word about Christ and his Apostles."

**Comment**—Whatever it may have been, there is little of the literature of that time **now extant.** But little as it is, we have enough to prove your statement false. Josephus was a contemporary of the Apostles. He was born in the year 37.

In his **Antiquities,** Book 20, chap. 9, sec. 1, he says: "Ananus assembled the Jewish Sanhedrim, and brought before it **James,** the brother of **Jesus who is called Christ,** with some others, whom he delivered over to be stoned as infractors of the law." The James here spoken of was the first bishop of Jerusalem, and an Apostle.

The writings of Suetonius are contemporary literature. This author was born in the year 72. He refers to Christ when he says that Claudius Caesar expelled the Jews from Rome, because they raised continual tumults **at the instigation of Christ.**"—**In Claudio,** chap. 25.

The historian Tacitus, born in the year 56, says: "The author of that sect (Christians) was Christ, who, in the reign of Tiberius, was punished with death as a criminal by the procurator Pontius Pilate."—Tacitus, **Annals.** Book 15, chap. 44.

Pliny the younger, born in the year 62, in his celebrated letter to the Emperor Trajan, says that Jesus was worshipped by his followers as God—"They sing among themselves, alternately, a hymn to Christ as to God."

Now, sir, in view of these testimonies, what are we to think of your assertion that "there is not, in all the contemporaneous literature of the world, a single word about Christ and his Apostles?"

**Ingersoll**—"If there is anything of importance in the New Testament, from a theological standpoint, it is the ascension of Christ."

**Comment**—Granted.

**Ingersoll**—"Matthew says nothing upon the subject."

**Comment**—Your opponent said the statements **made** by the Evangelists were alike, etc. He said nothing of statements that were not made by this or that Evangelist. Matthew's history ends with the resurrection and the commission of the Apostles, and does not extend to the ascension.

**Ingersoll**—"To this wonder of wonders Mark devotes one verse: 'So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.'"

**Comment**—Is not one verse sufficient to state an important fact?

**Ingersoll**—"Luke, another of the witnesses, says:

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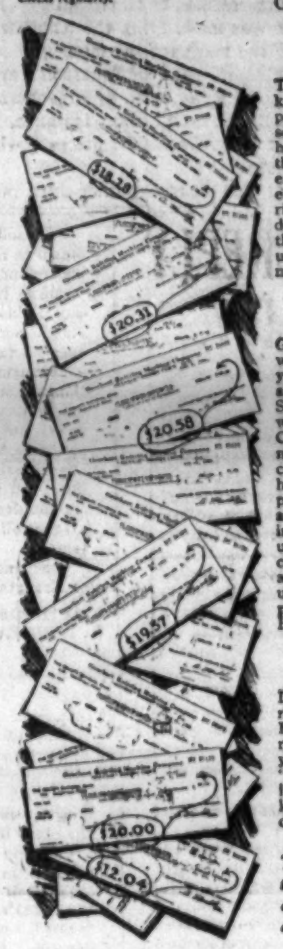

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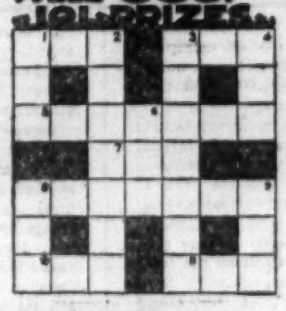
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Usually the enemy of our faith prefers to pretend friendship toward Protestantism, so that he can the more easily accomplish his purposes. He first proposes, with the help of Protestants, to overthrow Catholicity. His second move will be an attack on the remaining vestiges of Christianity. But, in Ingersoll's case, an attack was made along the whole front of religion. Satan threw off the mask for the moment.

Our readers will recognize, in many of Ingersoll's arguments, the arguments being used today, even by preachers, in their attacks on the Catholic Church. For instance, his abhorrence of St. John 20:22, 23, because "it places a whole world under the feet of priests."

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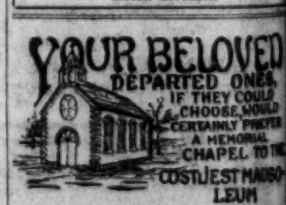


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# THE CLASSIC REPLY TO INFIDELITY.

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giving aid and comfort to the enemy, are crimes that merit severe punishment. Is a government intolerant because it will not tolerate treason? If not, then the Jewish government was not intolerant, and the fact that God was its direct ruler does not change the nature of the case. Every government that is worthy of the name must be intolerant of all those things that touch its supreme authority, majesty and honor. If you grant that idolatry was treason against the Jewish state you give away your case, and justify the punishment which that state inflicted on the idolater.

Ingersoll—"In that country where God is king liberty cannot exist."

Comment—This is your conclusion, not Mr. Black's. Grant society or government, and it is of no consequence whether X, Y, or Z is its king; the principle of its action must be the same in reference to those things which touch its authority.

The most perfect liberty exists where the most perfect government exists—that you will admit.

Ingersoll—"Within the Old Testament was no such thing as religious toleration."

Comment—Certainly not, and for the very sufficient reason given by Mr. Black. Religious toleration meant liberty of treason. Mr. Black told you that idolatry was treason against the state and against its recognized ruler. The Jewish nation could no more tolerate treason than any other government can tolerate it.

Ingersoll—"For all who think for themselves, there are threatening curses and anathemas."

Comment—This I deny. Thinking for oneself is not forbidden. Thinking is an act of which from its nature government can take no cognizance. The punishment inflicted by the Jewish law was for overt acts.

Ingersoll—"Think of an infinite Being who is so cruel, so unjust, that He will not allow his children liberty of thought."

Comment—It is because He is infinite that He cannot sanction error, idolatry, and other moral evils. Because He is infinite, He cannot permit His children to disobey His known will, or to reject His teachings as if He were a liar.

Ingersoll—"Think of an infinite God acting as the direct governor of a people, and yet not able to command their love!"

Comment—It is, indeed, a subject worthy of careful thought. God freed that people from the bondage of Egypt by a series of most wonderful miracles, fed them, for nearly half a century, in the desert, gave them the land of Palestine to live in, and blessed them in a thousand ways, and yet He could not command their love! Verily they were a stiff-necked people. This want of appreciation of the divine beneficence is one of the most convincing proofs of man's original fall.

Ingersoll—"Think of the author of all mercy imbruing his hands in the blood of helpless men, women and children simply because he did not furnish them with intelligence enough to understand His law!"

Comment—Think of a man who is always talking about "honor bright," manhood, and truth, making such a false and groundless statement to intelligent readers. I have put in black face type the words in the above quotation which contain a blasphemous fallacy. On what evidence or authority do you assert that men, etc., were punished simply because they had not intelligence enough to understand the law?

You quote a passage from Deuteronomy XIII, wherein death is decreed against those who entice others to commit idolatry, and you add:

Ingersoll—"This is the religious liberty of the Bible."

Comment—Now, as we have seen, idolatry was treason against the state. Do you mean by religious liberty the right to commit treason?

Ingersoll—"If you had lived in Palestine, and if the wife of your bosom, dearer to you than your own soul, had said: 'I like the religion of India better than that of Palestine,' it would have been your duty to kill her."

Comment—This is not true, for the law forbids the enticing to idolatry, to acts of treason. And the mere expression of an opinion, although it showed bad taste and worse judgment on the part of the wife, yet her silly saying was not what was forbidden by the law.

Ingersoll—"If she had said: 'Let us worship the sun,' it was your duty to kill her."

Comment—Here we have a clear case of enticing to treason, which is itself treason. Idolatry was treason against the sovereign of the Jewish state.

Ingersoll—"Has there been found upon the records of the savage world anything more perfectly fiendish than this commandment of Jehovah?"

Comment—I do not know much about the records of the savage world, or that savages were given to keeping records, but I do know that the law which punishes treason with death is to be found upon the records of all civilized nations on earth.

Ingersoll—"We can understand how a human king stands in need of the services of his people. We can understand how the desertion of any of his soldiers weakens his army; but were the king infinite in power, his strength would still remain the same, and, under no conceivable circumstance, could the enemy triumph."

Comment—While you are understanding so many things it would be well to understand that God does not inflict punishment because He fears the loss of power, but because He must insist upon respect and obedience to His supreme authority—He cannot permit himself to be treated as an idiot king or as a liar. You should also understand that the guilt of treason does not depend on its success.

Ingersoll—"His strength would still remain the same."

Comment—Undoubtedly, but it is not a question of strength, it is a question of authority.

### METHODS OF WARFARE—THE COLONEL ON INFANTRY TACTICS, BABIES, AND DRY-NURSING.

Ingersoll—"I insist that if there is an infinitely good and wise God, He beholds with pity the misfortunes of His children."

Comment—I insist on the same, but we must distinguish between misfortune and crime, misfortune and wickedness.

Ingersoll—"His pity, not His wrath, would be excited by the effort of His blind children, groping in the night to find the cause of things."

Comment—And yet you would make these blind children the judges of His justice!

Ingersoll—"The atrocities of the Old Testament, the threatenings, maledictions and curses of the 'inpired book,' are defended on the ground that the Jews had a right to treat their enemies as their enemies treated them."

Comment—Here, with your usual facility, you confound and jumble together things of different natures." Mr. Black defended what you call the atrocities of the Jews recorded in the Old Testament, on the principle recognized by all peoples and nations, pagan philosophers and Christian apostles, that the right to exist implies the right to repel the opposing force that threatens destruction. If enemies come to conquer, a nation has a right to conquer them; if they give no quarter, they have a right to none; if the death of the whole population be their purpose, it is right to defeat it by putting them all to the sword if it be necessary.

Ingersoll—"For one who follows the Master who said that, when smitten on one check, you must turn the other, and again and again enforced the idea that you must overcome evil with good, it is hardly consistent to declare that a civilized nation must, of necessity, adopt the warfare of savages."

Comment—And this is the only reply to your opponent's self-evident proposition! Let us examine it, such as it is. First, then, the Master did not say, as you report him, that, when smitten on one check, you must turn the other, or that you must overcome evil with good. He recommended His followers individually to return good for evil, but He did not forbid them to repel unjust aggression by exercising the necessary force, nor did He intend His children to be footballs for the rest of mankind.

Ingersoll—"Is it possible that in fighting, for instance, the Indians of America, if they scalp our soldiers we should scalp theirs?"

Comment—Civilized nations look more to the killing than to the manner of it, because they understand that victory depends more on the number killed than on the method of killing. This knowledge gives the civilized nation the advantage over the savage. A soldier who pays strict attention to business during battle will send ten Indians to the happy hunting-ground for every scalp that is taken. To stop to take a scalp is to lose precious time; and this is the reason, the only reason, why the soldier should prefer his own tactics to those of the savage.

Ingersoll—"Is this the conclusion of the most enlightened Christianity?"

Comment—Yes, sir; and the conclusion is of the most enlightened common sense, too. Life is practical, it is neither poetry nor effeminate philosophy. If those fiendish squaws had lived in Palestine in the days of Josue and had been put to the sword by the Jews, you would have accused the latter of murder and made God an abettor of the crime.

### WARS—SLAVERY.

Ingersoll—"Mr. Black justifies the wars of extermination and conquest because the American people fought for the integrity of their own country, fought to do away with the infamous institution of slavery, fought to preserve the jewels of liberty and justice for themselves and for their children."

Comment—I submit this ebullition of eloquence to the reader for the purpose of informing him that it is a misrepresentation of Mr. Black, a misrepresentation which it is hard to imagine to have been accidental or unintentional. It is not true that Black justifies wars of extermination because the American people fought for the integrity of their country. Here is the way he justifies wars of extermination: "If they (the enemy) come to conquer you, they may be conquered by you; if they give no quarter, they are entitled to none; if the death of your whole population be their purpose, you may defeat it by exterminating theirs."

Ingersoll—"Not satisfied with having slavery in this world, Mr. Black assures us that it will last through eternity."

Comment—There is but one reply to this. It consists of a vigorous English word of three letters. It is sufficient to say that Mr. Black never assured us of anything from which such an inference could be drawn.

Ingersoll—"And that forever and forever inferiors must be subordinate to superiors."

Comment—This Mr. Black did say, but it is very different from the assurance you attributed to him just now. To say inferiors must always be subordinate to superiors, is simply to say that the inferior must always be inferior to the superior, which is a self-evident truth.

Ingersoll—"Who is the superior man?"

Comment—He who does not lie, or misrepresent, or blaspheme his Maker, is morally superior to him who does.

Ingersoll—"For my part, I would rather be the slave than the master."

Comment—For my part, I would rather be the master than the slave; for being the master, I would have it in my power to free the slave and cease to be the master.

Ingersoll—"Any man who helps another to gain and retain his liberty is superior to any infallible God, who authorized slavery in Judea."

Comment—Then why do you not advocate the throwing open of our prison-doors that the murderers and thieves cruelly shut up there may gain and retain the liberty they sigh for?

Ingersoll—"According to Mr. Black, there will be slavery in heaven."

Comment—I must again call your attention to that divine law which puts a discount on false witnesses. Your opponent never said anything that justifies your statement.

### LIBERTY—POLYGAMY.

Ingersoll—"With me, liberty is not merely a means—it is an end."

Comment—This is too vague. We are all in favor of liberty, as we understand it, but we do not agree as to what it is or ought to be. It is a foolish loss of time to caw over the word until we have a common idea or understanding of the thing. You use the word "liberty" with what Shakespeare would call "damnable iteration," and in all your multifarious uses of it you have never, so far as I have seen, given a definition of it.

Ingersoll—"Without that word all other words are empty sounds."

Comment—And that word without a definition—a clear and fixed meaning, intelligible and comprehensible to all in common, is the emptiest and most misleading sound that ever echoed in time and space. It is a pet word of lunatics, fools and philosophers so-called.

As there are fixed laws of matter, so there are fixed laws of mind. Besides the physical and the intellectual, there is a moral world. The moral law remains, and it is to this law alone that every sane individual is responsible, for it is through and by this law, only, that he can possibly antagonize God's will as intellect against intellect. Man, then, is no more free in the moral order than he is in the physical or intellectual order. The difference is only this: he has it in his power to confuse the moral order, to make discord.

Ingersoll—"We are informed by Mr. Black that polygamy is neither commanded nor prohibited in the Old Testament—that it is only discouraged. It seems to me a little legislation on that subject might have tended to its discouragement. But where is this legislation?"

Comment—In your first article on the Christian religion you said that the Bible upheld polygamy as the highest form of virtue. Your opponent met your assertion with a denial that the Bible so held or taught. Here a direct issue was made, a question of veracity raised. And how did you meet it?

Ingersoll—"In the moral code (of the Old Testament) not one word is found on the subject of polygamy."

Comment—Then why did you say that the Bible taught polygamy as the highest form of virtue? If you look in Genesis, Chap. II., verse 24, you will find the following words: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, (not wives), and they shall be two in one flesh." This is the law in the case, is it not against polygamy?

Ingersoll—"All languages of the world are not sufficient to express the filth of polygamy."

Comment—Your idea is derived from Christian teaching, by which you are unconsciously influenced. In opposing polygamy from an infidel point of view you have no right to make use of that popular sentiment or judgment which is the result of a religion you repudiate.

Ingersoll—"It (polygamy) makes man a beast and woman a slave."

Comment—Here again you appeal to a sentiment or public opinion which is produced by and founded on Christian principles which you reject. This is illogical. You make man a beast when you make his origin and destiny the same as that of the beast. Polygamy can do no more than this. And if man is a beast, and there is no future, what is to prevent him from following the instincts of his animal nature?

### WOMAN'S RIGHTS—MOTHERHOOD—WOMAN'S CONDITION AMONG JEWS AND PAGANS.

Ingersoll—"Where will we find, in the Old Testament, the rights of wife, mother and daughter defined?"

Comment—They are found in the warp and woof of the whole book.

Ingersoll—"Even in the New Testament she (woman) is told to 'learn in silence and all subjection.'"

Comment—Most excellent advice for man, woman and child. How can you learn otherwise? Would you have the learner pert and impertinent?

According to the Christian idea, the husband and wife are two in one flesh. They are united by an intimate and mutual love in God, and should edify each other in peace, in fidelity, and mutual support. The husband is the head of the wife, whom he should love, esteem, and respect as himself, and protect. The wife is, within the circle of her duties, at the side of the man, not subject to him as the child is to its father, or as the slave to the master, but as the mother, side by side with the father, having, no less than he, sacred and imprescriptable rights. These are the doctrines that have liberated woman.

Ingersoll—"According to the Old Testament, woman had to ask pardon for the crime of having borne sons and daughters."

Comment—This is an untruth. I leave you to say whether it was intentional, or made through ignorance.

Ingersoll—"But woman had to be purified."

Comment—Yes, but this purification had no reference to crime or guilt. There were many purifications required in the Jewish ritual. To be ritually unclean was no crime or disgrace. A physician who touched his patient, for instance, to count his pulse, became unclean by that act. (Lev. xv. 7.)

Ingersoll—"In no country in the world had woman less liberty than in the Holy Land."

Comment—It depends on what you mean by "liberty." It is true, women in Judea had not the liberty to do many things that were permitted to the women of pagan nations, just as virtuous women have not the liberty of the depraved and fallen. It is this fact that gives the laws of Moses a pre-eminence over the laws of pagan nations. The honor of wives and the modesty of daughters were protected in Judea.

Ingersoll—"The position of woman was far better in Egypt than in Palestine."

Comment—This is one of those bold, reckless statements which characterize all your lectures and writings. According to Strabo, who travelled in Egypt before the Christian era, women were the toilers and tillers of the soil. Their condition was somewhat analogous to that of the squaws among the Indians of our western territories.

Ingersoll—"In Persia women were priests."

Comment—Yes, but a woman-priest meant one who, if she lived in New York at the present day, would be sent to Blackwell's Island.

Ingersoll—"At the advent of Christianity, in all pagan countries, women officiated at the sacred altars."

Comment—Yes. Strabo relates that there was a temple of Venus at Corinth so rich that it maintained above a thousand harlots, sacred to her service. That is the way they "officiated." It was high time for the advent of Christianity—or hell.

### MORE ABOUT WOMEN, BIBLE AND REVELATION.

Ingersoll—"Under the domination of the Christian Church woman became the merest slave for at least a thousand years."

Comment—This is too general and indefinite. Christianity found woman in the pagan world at man's feet, and it raised her up and placed her at his side as a companion, where she belongs, and from whence she came.

Ingersoll—"It was claimed that through woman the race had fallen."

Comment—Claimed by whom? Christianity does not hold that the race fell through woman or the disobedience of Eve, for Eve was never the responsible agent of humanity, as Adam was. It was through him, as St. Paul informs us, that the race fell. "By one man, sin entered into the world, and by sin, death."

Ingersoll—"Again I ask, why were the Jewish people as wicked, cruel and ignorant, with a revelation from God, as other nations were without?"

Comment—I deny that the Jews were as wicked, cruel and ignorant as other nations of their time. They were angels in comparison with the diseased, rotten and pestiferous races about them.

Ingersoll—"Why were the worshippers of false deities as brave, as kind, and generous as those who knew the only true and living God?"

Comment—Because they were not. If the Canaanites were as brave as the Jews, why did they permit the latter, hungry and exhausted from the desert, to kick them out of Palestine at the toe of their sandals?

Ingersoll—"If Jehovah was in fact God He knew the end from the beginning. He knew that His

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